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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

1. I have pleasure in presenting the report on the Health of the School Child in Warwickshire during 1956. Perusal of the following pages shows that the standard of health of the school child is improving. During the past decade the smaller, well-planned family and a fuller appreciation of child health and care, together with such things as school milk and meals, prophylactic immunisations and vaccinations, early detection and treatment of defects, have all helped to make children in school healthier and stronger.

The number of poliomyelitis cases amongst school children during the year was low, but this small figure cannot be attributed to the new poliomyelitis vaccinations which were started during the year. The supplies of vaccine were small at first and in consequence only just under 2,000 school children could be immunised.

It is interesting to see that non-pulmonary tuberculosis is rapidly decreasing, but the notification of other types of tuberculosis remains at a similar level to that in 1955.

Nearly half the number of deaths of school children during the year were attributable to accidents, the majority of these being associated with motor vehicles. All accidents are, of course, preventable and it is distressing to think that in spite of the commendable efforts being put forward there is so little improvement.

An important event during the school year was the opening of a day school in Nuneaton, designed especially for subnormal boys and girls. This is the first entirely new building which has been erected in Warwickshire for the education of a special group of handicapped children.

2. School Population.

There are now 80,084 school children on the rolls of Warwickshire schools. This was an increase of 3,403 on the 1954/55 figure (76,681).

Table 3 shows the increase which has taken place in the school population from the year 1951/52 to the year 1955/56. It will be seen that, in spite of the fact that certain Areas have large new estates, the increase in the number of school children in the various areas of the County is not confined to these. The average overall increase was 20%, the highest area increase being 28% in Sutton Coldfield and the lowest 13% in the Southern Area. It is of interest to note that in spite of the huge estate built by Birmingham in the Meriden district, the school population in that area only increased by 21%, whereas the much larger Central Area increased its school population by 20% without the erection of any huge estate.

3. School Medical Examinations.

A routine medical examination is carried out on at least 3 occasions during a child's school life, and additional examinations are made when necessary. The 3 routine inspections are carried out (a) soon after entering school at 5 years, (b) at 11+, and (c) at 14+. A change in the second age-group from 10+ to 11+ came into effect in January, 1956, to enable children to be examined on their entry to a Secondary Modern or Grammar School. This concentrated the children for examination, thereby saving time and duplication.

The number of children examined at the periodic medical inspections (including the special schools) in 1956, was 23,300, a decrease of 2,067 on the 1955 figure of 25,367. This decrease was due to the change in the second age-group. Additional examinations (where specially requested by parents or teachers) totalled 4,211 compared with 4,703 in 1955, and re-inspections (for check-up purposes on a child previously examined) totalled 12,632 compared with 12,481 in 1955.

The total number of defects found to require treatment in 1956 (excluding special schools) was 1,752, a similar proportion of the total number examined as the 1955 figure of 1,907. The number requiring observation only in 1956 was 9,027, which amounted to 40% of the total number examined. In 1955 this figure was 9,039—36%.

Of the 1,752 defects requiring treatment, 49% were Eye defects, 16% Orthopaedic, and 14% Nose and Throat.

Last year a comment was made on the large decrease that had occurred in recent years in the proportion of Nose and Throat defects requiring treatment. This proportion continued to decrease in 1956.

4. Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected.

At each routine medical inspection, an assessment is made as to the physical condition of each child. In previous years, the classification has been divided into 3 categories, "Good," "Fair" and "Poor." In 1956, this was amended to 2 categories only, "Satisfactory" and "Unsatisfactory," and this revealed that 91% of the children were regarded as being in a satisfactory physical condition (children from Special Schools being included in this figure).

5. Eye Defects.

During the year, there was a decrease in the number of eye defects requiring treatment and observation. The number requiring treatment amounted to 862 in 1956 (38 per 1,000 examined), compared with 983 (40 per 1,000 examined) in 1955. Those requiring observation totalled 1,957 (87 per 1,000 examined) in 1956 and 2,306 (94 per 1,000) in 1955.

This decrease was reflected in the number seen at eye clinics, and in the number prescribed spectacles. Last year a comment was also made on the decrease in the number of new cases prescribed spectacles, and this decrease appears to be continuing. The number of new cases prescribed spectacles in 1956 was 954 out of a school population of 80,084 (11.9 per 1,000 on school roll) compared with 1,102 (14.4 per 1,000) in 1955. In 1951 it was at the level of 17 per 1,000.

6. Orthoptic.

The two County Council Clinics in the Central and Southern Areas continued to provide treatment in the form of re-educational exercises for those children suffering from squint. In some cases orthoptic treatment alone is considered sufficient, but in other cases a combination of surgery and orthoptic treatment is necessary.

During 1956, 323 children were treated, 181 of these being new cases. A total of 1,334 attendances were made by these children. Of those discharged during the year, 57 had full binocular vision restored, whilst 38 were partially cured or cosmetically improved.

Children in other areas of the County are provided for by the services of the Regional Hospital Board.

7. Ear, Nose and Throat Examinations.

The number of children suffering from chronic infection of adenoids and tonsils and requiring operation in 1956 was similar to the number in the previous year, but as the school population had increased, the number per 1,000 during 1956 showed a slight improvement, namely 23.4 per 1,000 as against 23.7 per 1,000 in 1955. Just over one quarter of these cases were referred by the Assistant School Medical Officers or Medical Officers working in school clinics.

A glance at Table 7 shows that there has been an overall decrease in the operative rate in the County of approximately one third during the last 5 years. The variation in the County Area rates ranged from 19 to 69 per 1,000 in 1952, but in 1956, this range was reduced to 15 to 45 per 1,000. The largest decrease occurred in the Eastern Area, where the rate was halved. In Sutton Coldfield, the North-Western Area and Solihull, the rate decreased approximately one third, but as will be noted, the Sutton Coldfield rate is still high—45 per 1,000 compared with the overall County rate of 23.4.

The Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Education is desirous of making a very much closer study of tonsillectomy rates throughout the country, and in consequence has asked for information regarding all children in school who have had tonsillectomy at any time during their life. It is hoped that this investigation will give sufficient information for an intensive study into the widespread variations of rates.

8. Speech Therapy.

During 1956, 766 children were seen at the Speech Therapy Clinics. Of these, 331 were new cases, an increase of 56 on the 1955 figure of 275. There was a slight decrease in the total number of attendances and sessions held in 1956, due to a delay in the replacement of the part-time Speech Therapist at the Tudor Grange and Olton Clinic.

An assessment has been made of the speech defective rate per 1,000 school children on roll in the various types of schools, and it was found that 9.6 per thousand were in Primary Schools, 3.1 per 1,000 in Secondary Modern or Grammar Schools and 120.3 per 1,000 in Special Schools. As would be expected, the greatest incidence is concentrated in the Special Schools.

The type of defect found to require treatment in the Primary Schools (amounting to some 500 or more children) is mainly of the emotional type. This places an extra burden on the child at the beginning of his school life, and if left untreated produces backwardness and emotional disturbance. It is, therefore, desirable to correct such defects as early as possible.

During 1956, 181 children were discharged, 98% of these being cured or much improved.

9. Orthopaedic Service.

All children with orthopaedic defects are referred to orthopaedic surgeons. These surgeons usually attend at special children's clinics at hospitals or at certain school clinics. The County Council employs four physiotherapists, three whole-time and one part-time, but very considerable assistance is given by the physiotherapists of the Coleshill Orthopaedic Hospital, who are entirely responsible for the surgeons' and after-care clinics at Riversley Park, Atherstone and Stratford-on-Avon.

Children who are discharged from hospital but remain immobile are visited in their own homes, where plasters and splints are changed and adjusted and advice given to parents regarding suitable exercises.

One physiotherapist is resident at Exhall Grange School and is fully employed there. This service to handicapped children is invaluable, and many of the children since taking up residence have made a remarkable improvement. The Orthopaedic Surgeon from the Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital holds a clinic in the school, thus avoiding the transport of these children into the centre of Coventry.

Twice weekly an ambulance full of orthopaedic cases from Tudor Grange School travels to the Leamington Pump Rooms, where some ten of these small children have special treatment in water. This facility is being extended to the children at Exhall Grange early in the new year. All these children are under the direct care of a specialist, and no treatment is conducted without his sanction.

10. Child Guidance Clinic.

The number of new cases in 1956 totalled 199, a decrease of 10 cases on the 1955 figure of 209. Boys accounted for 69% of this total, a ratio of approximately 2 boys to 1 girl.

On looking at the table giving the reason for referral, it will be noticed that the highest proportion of boys came into the behaviour disorder group. Half of these boys were known delinquents, having a record of stealing or assault. The group containing the highest proportion of girls was the nervous disorder group.

Of all the children referred, 31 were known to have I.Q.'s of under 85%.

11. Minor Ailment Clinics.

During 1956, nineteen clinics were available for the treatment of minor ailments, and 4,080 cases were seen compared with 4,167 in 1955. Of these cases 31% were skin conditions. There was a slight proportionate increase in the number of ringworm, scabies and impetigo cases, which amounted to 8% of all skin conditions in 1956, compared with 6% in 1955.

Of the 440 minor eye conditions, the proportionate number of blepharitis and conjunctivitis cases decreased to 23% compared with 32% in 1955.

12. The following Report was supplied by the Principal School Dental Officer.

The welcome trend shown in last year's report whereby the dental officer strength moved towards more whole-time officers continued during 1956, though unfortunately one whole-time officer was on the sick list for nearly half of the year. The number of sessions of dental officers still remained the lowest in the North Eastern Area. It is extremely difficult to persuade whole-time officers to take posts in this area. The distance involved and poor public transport facilities, preclude the effective use of part-time officers who come chiefly from the Birmingham Area. In addition to one officer working whole-time in the Area, one whole-time officer from the Central Area devotes one day a week regularly to assist in the North Eastern Area, and it is hoped to send a mobile clinic into the Area for a part of the coming year. The remaining areas are fairly evenly staffed in relation to the number of school children.

A smaller number of children were inspected in schools in 1956 owing to the increased pressure from parents requesting treatment of their children as special cases. This was particularly so in the Solihull and Rugby Areas. Once more the school population rose considerably so that some ground was lost in the periodic inspection and treatment.

There was a considerable increase in the orthodontic treatment, and during the year over 1,500 attendances were made. On January 1st, 119 children were under treatment, and during the year treatment was commenced for a further 247, but was concluded for only 152 so that the number under treatment has risen considerably. A disturbing proportion of these 152 did not complete treatment because there was insufficient co-operation to make a worthwhile result possible. Treatment usually takes quite a long time to complete and, unless parents will accept responsibility for seeing that their children co-operate fully, there will continue to be disappointments resulting in much wasted time and effort. Such waste can ill be afforded while so many children are in urgent need of extractions and fillings. No new fixed clinics were opened, but delivery of two new mobile clinics were taken bringing the total to seven.

There was unexpected delay in the provision of the necessary fittings to allow the portable X-ray machine to be used in every clinic and this, together with the petrol restrictions at the close of the year, precluded much use being made of the machine. However, the experience so far gained with the machine has been very satisfactory, and it is hoped to expand this service considerably in the coming year. Apart from this no alteration was made in the arrangements planned for treatment on account of the rationing of petrol, this being normally the period of the year when mobile clinics are based at the larger schools to lessen travelling difficulties in bad weather.

There is a great shortage of dental surgeons in all the services in the Country. However, the following are the only General Dental Services and Hospital Dental Services in this area

13. Tuberculosis.

(a) Pulmonary.

During the year, 22 boys and 26 girls were notified as suffering from this disease. They were in the age group of 5-14. Four cases were transfers from another authority, thus making 44 cases in Warwickshire children. This was a similar number to that shown in 1955, when there were 40 cases.

Table 13 shows that 62% of the 1956 cases occurred in the North-Eastern Area and the Central Area of the County.

Of the 48 cases, 36 were notified in a very early stage (primary lesions included), 4 were in the intermediate stage of the disease, and 2 in an advanced stage. In 6 cases, the stage of the disease was unknown.

(b) Non-Pulmonary.

During the year there were 8 notifications of cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis. Three of these were transfers from other Counties. Half of the 8 cases were mild infections of the lymph glands, but the other 4 were very serious, 3 being cases of meningitis and the other tubercular peritonitis.

In 1957 the whole of Warwickshire will become a specified area, i.e., all milk sold within the County will either be tuberculin tested or pasteurised. Milk supplied to all schools, maintained and independent, is now examined and supervised by the Health Department.

14. Poliomyelitis.

There were 10 cases of Poliomyelitis occurring in school children during 1956, which amounted to 67% of all notifications in the County. Six of the cases were paralytic and four non-paralytic. This was much lower than the 1955 number of 25, 15 of which were paralytic.

Follow-up of the 1955 paralytic cases, revealed :—

1 died.

7 had residual paralysis of varying degree. (One or two only likely to require special schooling).

5 had no paralysis.

2 No information available.

Follow-up of the 1956 paralytic cases were as follows :—

5 had residual paralysis of varying degree (2 likely to require special schooling).

1 had no paralysis.

During 1956, a limited amount of vaccine was available to Local Authorities, and certain children born in the years 1947-1954 were considered for vaccination. Vaccinations were carried out in May and the beginning of June and again in November. During this period, nearly 2,000 school children were vaccinated. The intervening months were regarded as the probable polio danger period.

Following investigations by the Joint Committee on Poliomyelitis Vaccination, it has been decided that the distribution of vaccine to local health authorities will in future continue throughout the year. They have found no evidence to suggest that poliomyelitis is provoked by the use of vaccine during the summer months. It will, however, be left to the discretion of individual medical officers of health to determine whether to suspend vaccination in their area at any time should this be considered necessary.

15. Louse Infestation.

During 1956, school nurses carried out over 190,000 examinations and found 1,101 individual pupils with infested heads. This was a reduction on the 1955 figure of 1,533, and the following figures shew the overall improvement which has occurred during the last 3 years.

| | | | | | <i>Infestation Rate per 1,000 children on School Roll.</i> | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|------|-----|------|
| <i>Area.</i> | | | | | 1954 | | 1955 | | 1956 |
| 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.8 | ... | 3.5 | ... | 4.3 |
| 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 52.4 | ... | 40.3 | ... | 25.2 |
| 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14.8 | ... | 13.9 | ... | 7.9 |
| 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14.6 | ... | 17.8 | ... | 14.1 |
| 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5.4 | ... | 6.1 | ... | 3.3 |
| 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21.4 | ... | 18.6 | ... | 16.4 |
| 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18.1 | ... | 14.6 | ... | 10.8 |
| | | | | | 23.9 | ... | 20.2 | ... | 13.9 |

Owing to the large infestation rate in the North Eastern Area, a special study of the problem in the area was made last year, details of which appeared in my annual report. School nurses were urged to concentrate on the persistently infested families, and the above figures shew the great improvement which has occurred. The North Eastern Area has the greatest density of persons per room in the County, whilst Areas 1 and 5, shewing the lowest rates, have the lowest density of persons per room.

Table 19 gives the position of the infestation rates in the schools and this shows quite clearly the higher prevalence of infestation which appears amongst the girls. There were 239 schools (67%) having no infestation amongst the boys, but only 168 (47%) amongst the girls. The overall figures, however, shew a much lowered percentage infested during 1956.

16. Deaths of School Children.

The Registrar-General's details of deaths which occurred in 1956 are not yet available.

Deaths in the age group 5-14 years for 1955 numbered 30, compared with 37 in 1954.

The causes of death were as follows :—

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 | } 14 |
| Other Accidents | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | |
| Pneumonia | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | |
| Bronchitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| Bronchiectasis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | |
| Heart Disease | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | |
| Tuberculous Meningitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | |
| Malignant Disease | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| Leukaemia | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| Poliomyelitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| Diseases of Nervous System (Encephalitis, Epilepsy, Infantile Hemiplegia) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | |
| | | | | | 30 | |

It will be noted that 47%, approximately one-half, of the total number of deaths were due to motor vehicle accidents, or other types of accidents. This was an increase on the 1954 figures, of 11 out of 37 deaths.

17. Handicapped Pupils.

As I have previously mentioned, the general provision for this group of children, with the exception of the educationally sub-normal is fairly adequate and the waiting time for places in schools reasonable. There is however still the small group of multi-handicaps for whom it is very difficult to find suitable places, and in consequence most of these children continue to be provided with home tuition.

Blind and Partially Blind.

One totally blind child was ascertained in 1956 bringing the total number on the register to 12. Of this total, 11 children were in special schools for the blind, the remaining child awaiting admission to a similar school. Seven partially sighted children also came

onto the register in 1956, making a total of 47 altogether. Of these 28 were in special schools, 7 were awaiting places and the remaining children were either having home tuition or attending ordinary schools.

Deaf and Partially Deaf.

This type of child is catered for in special schools outside the County. During 1956, 5 deaf children were ascertained and 5 partially deaf, bringing the total on register to 51 and 37 respectively. The number of children in special schools amounted to 66, and 10 were awaiting places. Certain children having been provided with deaf-aids are able to continue satisfactorily in ordinary schools. Altogether 26 children have now been provided with such aids in schools, 8 of these during 1956.

Educationally Sub-normal.

The total number on the register in this category now amounts to 698, 152 of these being ascertained in 1956. The opening of the Red Deeps Special Day School was undoubtedly an outstanding achievement during the year as this was the first school in the County to be specifically built for the purpose. A large number of children still require to be catered for however and of the 204 handicapped pupils on the waiting list at the end of 1956, 154 (75%) came into the educationally sub-normal group.

Epileptic.

During the year 4 children were newly ascertained bringing the total on register to 22. Of these, 9 were in special schools, the majority of the remainder being able to carry on in ordinary schools.

Maladjusted.

New ascertainties in 1956 numbered 14 making a total on register of 73. Nearly half of these have been placed in special schools, the majority of the remainder being on trial in the ordinary schools or having home tuition.

Physically Handicapped.

During 1956, 30 new cases were ascertained, bringing the total number ascertained to 219. Sixty of these were receiving special schooling and a further 12 were on waiting lists for admission. Of the remaining children, 121 were able to carry on in ordinary schools and 16 were receiving home tuition.

On looking at the type of physically handicapped child admitted to Tudor Grange and Exhall Grange, it will be seen that spastic and similar conditions amount to one half of the total cases resident, post-polio cases 17%, T.B. joints and bone infections 13%. It should be noted that these are not all Warwickshire children.

Delicate Children.

Seventeen children were ascertained in 1956, bringing the total on register to 80. Twelve of these children were receiving special schooling but the majority of the remainder were able to attend ordinary schools.

18. Ineducable.

On ascertainment, this type of child is referred to the Mental Health Officer. During 1956, 30 new children were notified and for the years 1955/56 this amounted to a rate of approximately 0.4 per 1,000 school children, a decrease of approximately half on the rate for the previous two years.

The notification of a child under this category means that it is completely removed from the normal stream of education. In some cases the child is able to attend occupation centres, but where this is not possible, the child spends its life at home or in an institution.

Children in occupation centres are constantly kept under observation and if there is a possibility that they may benefit by normal methods of education, notification can be revoked after an examination by an approved officer.

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Principal School Medical Officer.

Shire Hall,
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STAFF OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

(on 31/12/56, except where otherwise stated).

| Principal School Medical Officer ... Dr. S. W. SAVAGE. | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Deputy Principal School Medical Officer ... Dr. G. H. TAYLOR. | | | |
| Area. | | Medical Officer. | School Medical Officers. |
| 1 | Sutton Coldfield | Dr. J. R. PRESTON. | Dr. MARGARET O'DEA. |
| 2 | North Eastern. | Dr. J. H. BRISCOE-SMITH. | Dr. G. HIRD. Dr. GWENDOLEN K. G. COOTE. Dr. C. B. HIGGIE. Dr. MARGARET STEANE. |
| 3 | Eastern. | Dr. D. J. JONES. | Dr. AGNES H. M. YOUNG. Dr. JOYCE WALKER. |
| 4 | North Western. | Dr. R. S. McELROY. | Dr. JEANNE L. BROUGH. Dr. C. T. JONES. |
| 5 | Solihull. | Dr. I. M. McLACHLAN. | Dr. J. HENDERSON. Dr. ELIZABETH THOMPSON. |
| 6 | Central. | Dr. F. D. M. LIVINGSTONE | Dr. MYRTLE V. RICHARDS Dr. D. SUTCLIFFE WILLIAMS. One Vacancy. |
| 7 | Southern. | Dr. J. B. BRAMWELL. | Dr. ELIZABETH THOMAS. Dr. W. M. WALKER. |

Principal School Dental Officer.

Mr. H. J. BASTOW.

School Dental Officers.

Sutton Coldfield (Area 1) ... Mr. N. G. EVANS (commenced 1/9/56).
North Eastern (Area 2) ... Mr. J. P. BOLTE
Eastern (Area 3) ... Mr. P. VIGANTS.
North Western (Area 4) ... Mr. W. DOUGLAS.
Solihull (Area 5) ... Miss M. M. STOCKER (commenced 13/8/56).
Central (Area 6) ... Mr. P. H. E. BAILEY (commenced 3/4/56).
Miss S. M. CRUTE.
Mr. J. S. PRICE.
Southern (Area 7) ... Mr. S. C. C. JONES (commenced 30/7/56).

Nursing Staff.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Miss B. SHENTON.

There are 7 Area Nursing Officers. School nursing is carried out by 1 whole-time and 1 part-time school nurse, 73 health visitors, 1 district nurse/health visitor and 23 district nurse/midwife/health visitors who combine school nursing with other duties. (Represents 28.7 in terms of full-time school nurses employed in School Health Service).

Speech Therapists.

Miss E. M. WHITE.

Miss P. A. HAWKINS.

Mrs. P. A. HINKSMAN.

Mrs. M. A. PARKER, Part-time. (Commenced 10/9/56)

Physiotherapists.

Mrs. E. G. MASON (commenced 12/11/56).

Miss B. A. BAILEY.

Mrs. B. KINNIARD.

Mrs. C. M. WILLIAMS, Part-time (2 sessions weekly).

Statistical Officer.

Miss B. TIMPERLEY (commenced 22/5/56).

**TABLE 1. AVERAGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ON ROLL.
SCHOOL YEARS 1946-47 to 1955-56.**

| <i>School Year.</i> | <i>Nursery.</i> | <i>Primary and Secondary.</i> | <i>Special.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1946-47 ... | 263 | 53,420 | 17 | 53,700 |
| 1947-48 ... | 340 | 56,410 | 20 | 56,770 |
| 1948-49 ... | 363 | 59,071 | 38 | 59,472 |
| 1949-50 ... | 369 | 60,902 | 94 | 61,365 |
| 1950-51 ... | 360 | 63,051 | 214 | 63,625 |
| 1951-52 ... | 360 | 65,751 | 479 | 66,590 |
| 1952-53 ... | 364 | 69,233 | 544 | 70,141 |
| 1953-54 ... | 355 | 72,089 | 574 | 73,018 |
| 1954-55 ... | 363 | 75,709 | 609 | 76,681 |
| 1955-56 ... | 353 | 79,116 | 615 | 80,084 |

(Nuneaton Red Deeps Day Special School commenced School-year 1956/57).

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ON ROLL. SCHOOL YEAR 1955-56.

| <i>AREA.</i> | <i>Nursery Schools.</i> | | <i>Primary.</i> | | <i>Secondary Modern.</i> | | <i>Secondary Grammar.</i> | | <i>Total Schools</i> | <i>Total Children</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | <i>Schools</i> | <i>Children</i> | <i>Schools</i> | <i>Children</i> | <i>Schools</i> | <i>Children</i> | <i>Schools</i> | <i>Children</i> | | |
| 1. Sutton Coldfield. | — | — | 14 | 4669 | 4 | 1539 | 2 | 1202 | 20 | 7410 |
| 2. North Eastern. | 5 | 207 | 57 | 14016 | 11 | 5239 | 3 | 1122 | 76 | 20584 |
| 3. Eastern. | — | — | 44 | 7094 | 9 | 2414 | 2 | 1008 | 55 | 10516 |
| 4. North Western. | — | — | 41 | 6680 | 5 | 1530 | 1 | 91 | 47 | 8301 |
| 5. Solihull. | — | — | 30 | 7118 | 4 | 3048 | 1 | 581 | 35 | 10747 |
| 6. Central. | 3 | 146 | 73 | 10612 | 5 | 2380 | 2 | 747 | 83 | 13885 |
| 7. Southern. | — | — | 62 | 5896 | 4 | 1553 | 2 | 577 | 68 | 8026 |
| TOTALS ... | 8 | 353 | 321 | 56085 | 42 | 17703 | 13 | 5328 | 384 | 79469 |

TABLE 3.

COMPARISON OF AVERAGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ON ROLL,

SCHOOL YEARS 1951/52 and 1955/56.

| | Sutton Coldfield. | | North Eastern. | | Eastern. | | North Western. | | Solihull. | | Central. | | Southern. | |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | 1951/52 | 1955/56 | 1951/52 | 1955/56 | 1951/52 | 1955/56 | 1951/52 | 1955/56 | 1951/52 | 1955/56 | 1951/52 | 1955/56 | 1951/52 | 1955/56 |
| Nursery Schools ... | — | — | 215 | 207 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 145 | 146 | — | — |
| Primary ... | 3590 | 4669 | 13429 | 14016 | 6847 | 7094 | 5659 | 6680 | 6012 | 7118 | 9228 | 10612 | 5508 | 5896 |
| Secondary Modern ... | 1143 | 1539 | 2634 | 5239 | 1115 | 2414 | 1120 | 1530 | 1910 | 3048 | 1272 | 2380 | 1066 | 1553 |
| Secondary Grammar | 1043 | 1202 | 1095 | 1122 | 938 | 1008 | 85 | 91 | 563 | 581 | 937 | 747 | 557 | 577 |
| TOTAL ... | 5776 | 7410 | 17373 | 20584 | 8900 | 10516 | 6864 | 8301 | 8485 | 10747 | 11582 | 13885 | 7131 | 8026 |
| Increase 1952/56 ... | 1634 | | 3211 | | 1616 | | 1437 | | 2262 | | 2303 | | 895 | |
| % Increase 1952/56 | 28% | | 18% | | 18% | | 21% | | 27% | | 20% | | 13% | |

Overall Increase 20%.

TABLE 4. TYPE OF DEFECT FOUND AT SCHOOL
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. (excluding Special Schools).

| Defect. | Periodic Medical Examinations. Number 22,484. | | Special Medical Examinations. Number 4,211. | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | Defects requiring treatment. | Defects requiring observation. | Defects requiring treatment. | Defects requiring observation. |
| Eyes | 862 | 1,957 | 202 | 375 |
| Orthopaedic | 272 | 1,515 | 74 | 259 |
| Nose and Throat | 251 | 1,894 | 74 | 291 |
| Skin | 79 | 279 | 3 | 48 |
| Ears | 63 | 432 | 15 | 88 |
| Lungs | 53 | 518 | 11 | 131 |
| Speech | 41 | 206 | 15 | 35 |
| Developmental | 23 | 335 | 10 | 54 |
| Lymphatic Glands | 17 | 648 | 5 | 114 |
| Psychological | 15 | 301 | 25 | 121 |
| Nervous System | 12 | 140 | — | 29 |
| Heart | 9 | 173 | 3 | 46 |
| Abdomen | 5 | 124 | 1 | 18 |
| Other | 50 | 505 | 15 | 66 |
| TOTALS | 1,752 | 9,027 | 453 | 1,675 |

OPHTHALMIC SERVICES.
OPHTHALMIC PART-TIME STAFF.

| AREA. | OPHTHALMIC STAFF. | NO. OF SESSIONS DURING 1956. | NO. OF SESSIONS DURING 1955. |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Sutton Coldfield | Mr. A. N. CAMERON. | 58 | 56 |
| 2. North-Eastern | Dr. C. E. CLARKE. | 120 | 135 |
| 3. Eastern | Mr. T. J. P. KERWICK. | 103 | 94 |
| | Dr. H. RILEY. | 22 | 22 |
| 4. North-Western | Dr. R. FRANCIS JONES. | 208 | 201 |
| 5. Solihull | Dr. H. RILEY. | 57 | 69 |
| 6. Central | Mr. E. L. HOWELL-JONES. | 19 | 21 |
| | Mr. M. W. SMITH. | 113 | 107 |
| 7. Southern | Mr. E. L. HOWELL-JONES. | 17 | 18 |
| | Mr. M. W. SMITH. | 49 | 46 |
| TOTAL | | 766 | 769 |

TABLE 5.

ATTENDANCE AT EYE CLINICS.

| AREA. | CLINIC. | WHEN HELD. | No. of individual children seen during 1956. | | Total Attendances made by these children. | No. Prescribed Spectacles in 1956. | | No. Referred for Orthoptic Treatment. | Total Cases on Register 31/12/56. |
|------------------|--|--|--|--------|---|------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | New Cases. | Other. | | New Cases. | Other. | | |
| SUTTON COLDFIELD | 9, Holland St., Sutton Coldfield. ... | Thursday, a.m. ... { | 168 | 247 | 492 | 106 | 146 | — | 661 |
| | | Friday, p.m. (when necessary) ... } | | | | | | | |
| | | Friday, a.m. (monthly) ... { | 51 | 57 | — | 24 | 45 | 6 | 192 |
| | | Monday, a.m. ... { | 133 | 258 | — | 55 | 307 | 35 | 470 |
| NORTH EASTERN | Health Clinic, Atherstone... Health Clinic, Bedworth ... Riversley Park Clinic, Nuneaton Nurses Home, Polesworth ... | Tuesday, a.m. ... { | 220 | 397 | — | 88 | 242 | 53 | 803 |
| | | Friday, a.m. (alt. wks.) ... } | | | | | | | |
| | | Friday, a.m. (monthly) ... { | 17 | 64 | — | 14 | 39 | 1 | 107 |
| | | TOTAL ... | 421 | 776 | 1,332 | 181 | 633 | 95 | 1,572 |
| EASTERN | First Aid Post, Rugby ... | Wednesday, a.m. and p.m. ... { | 184 | 838 | 1,113 | 115 | 372 | 34 | 1,125 |
| | | (1st and 3rd in month) ... } | | | | | | | |
| | | Friday, a.m. ... { | | | | | | | |
| | | TOTAL ... | 171 | 586 | 1,241 | 117 | 362 | 8 | 700 |
| NORTH WESTERN | Miners Welfare Hall, Arley Area Health Office, Coleshill Village Hall, Meriden ... Parish Hall, Wilnecote ... | Wednesday, p.m. (alt. wks.) ... { | 15 | 69 | — | 12 | 48 | — | 75 |
| | | Thursday, a.m. and p.m. ... } | 84 | 216 | — | 52 | 124 | — | 271 |
| | | Wednesday, a.m. (4th in month) ... { | 11 | 43 | — | 9 | 28 | — | 55 |
| | | Tuesday, a.m. and p.m. ... } | 61 | 258 | — | 44 | 162 | — | 299 |
| SOLIHULL | Drury Lane Clinic, Solihull Halifax Rd. Clinic, Shirley ... | TOTAL ... | 115 | 319 | — | 39 | 229 | 12 | 482 |
| | | Friday, a.m. (as required) ... { | 67 | 127 | — | 30 | 71 | 7 | 222 |
| | | Friday, a.m. (as required) ... } | | | | | | | |
| | | TOTAL ... | 182 | 446 | 877 | 69 | 300 | 19 | 704 |
| CENTRAL | 4, Holly Walk, Leamington Spa First Aid Post, Warwick Health Clinic, Kenilworth ... | Monday, a.m. ... { | 200 | 707 | — | 150 | 255 | 70 | 785 |
| | | Tuesday, p.m. (2nd and 4th in month) ... } | | | | | | | |
| | | Wednesday, a.m. (1st and 3rd in month) ... { | 69 | 256 | — | 51 | 116 | 21 | 297 |
| | | Wednesday, a.m. ... } | 49 | 111 | — | 36 | 41 | 19 | 134 |
| SOUTHERN | Alcester (Mobile Clinic) ... Health Clinic, Stratford-on-Avon Hospital, Stratford-on-Avon ... C. Infants' School, Studley ... | Monday, a.m. (4th in month) ... { | 318 | 1,074 | 1,402 | 237 | 412 | 110 | 1,216 |
| | | TOTAL ... | | | | | | | |
| | | Friday, a.m. (as required) ... { | 5 | 26 | — | 4 | 11 | 2 | 28 |
| | | Friday, a.m. ... } | 147 | 302 | — | 111 | 169 | 44 | 420 |
| | | Saturday, a.m. (1st and 3rd in month) ... { | 20 | 34 | — | 14 | 20 | 7 | 68 |
| | | Friday, a.m. (as required) ... } | | | | | | | |
| | | TOTAL ... | 172 | 362 | 634 | 129 | 200 | 53 | 516 |
| | | GRAND TOTAL | 1,616 | 4,329 | 7,091 | 954 | 2,425 | 319 | 6,494 |
| | | 1955 Figures ... | 1,797 | 4,941 | Not avail-able. | 1,102 | 2,308 | 295 | 6,577 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 6.

ORTHOPTIC TREATMENT IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AREAS.

| | <i>Total Treated.</i> | <i>Total Attend- ances.</i> | <i>Degree of Cure on Discharge.</i> | | <i>No. Ceasing to attend or Unsuitable.</i> | <i>No. still on treatment 31st Dec., 1956.</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | | | <i>Full Binocular Vision</i> | <i>Partial Binocular Vision or Cosmetic Improvement.</i> | | |
| Cases carried over from 1955 ... | 142 | 730 | 41 | 34 | 13 | 54 |
| Cases Referred in 1956 ... | 181 | 604 | 16 | 4 | 63 | 98 |
| TOTAL ... | 323 | 1,334 | 57 | 38 | 76 | 152 |

TABLE 7. NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND RATE PER 1,000 ON ROLL
WHO RECEIVED OPERATIVE TREATMENT FOR ADENOIDS AND
CHRONIC TONSILLITIS (EXCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS),
1952-1956.

| <i>Area.</i> | 1952 | | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | |
|----------------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| | <i>No.</i> | <i>Rate per 1,000 on roll.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Rate per 1,000 on roll.</i> |
| Sutton Coldfield ... | 396 | 68.6 | 421 | 390 | 367 | 333 | 45.0 |
| North Eastern ... | 424 | 24.4 | 376 | 460 | 282 | 417 | 20.3 |
| Eastern ... | 357 | 40.0 | 297 | 326 | 248 | 212 | 20.2 |
| North Western ... | 158 | 23.0 | 170 | 117 | 125 | 122 | 14.7 |
| Solihull ... | 317 | 37.4 | 338 | 180 | 234 | 175 | 16.3 |
| Central ... | 419 | 36.2 | 412 | 346 | 381 | 415 | 29.9 |
| Southern ... | 136 | 19.1 | 115 | 198 | 163 | 183 | 22.8 |
| TOTAL ... | 2,207 | 33.4 | 2,129 | 2,017 | 1,800 | 1,857 | 23.4 |

**ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICE.
HOSPITAL CLINICS.**

| <i>Area.</i> | <i>Address of Clinic.</i> | <i>When held.</i> | <i>Surgeon.</i> | <i>Physiotherapists.</i> |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 SUTTON COLDFIELD. | Sutton Coldfield Hospital. | Monday, p.m. | Mr. J. F. SHEPHERD. | R.H.B. |
| 2 NORTH- EASTERN. | Riversley Park Clinic, Nuneaton. Manor Hospital, Nuneaton. Exhall Grange School Clinic. | Friday, p.m. (last in month). Tuesday and Thursday, p.m. Thursday, a.m. By arrangement. | Mr. J. H. PENROSE. Mr. SEARGEANT. Mr. J. H. PENROSE. | Sisters from Coleshill Orthopaedic Hospital. R.H.B. Mrs. B. KINNAIRD. |
| 3 EASTERN. | Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby. | Monday, a.m. | Mr. ROWAN MITCHELL. | R.H.B. |
| 4 NORTH- WESTERN. | Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill. College Lane School Rooms, Tamworth. | Monday (once every 3 months). Tuesday, a.m. (last in month). | Mr. F. G. ALLAN. Mr. INNES. | Sisters from Coleshill Orthopaedic Hospital. " " " |
| 5 SOLIHULL. | Solihull Hospital. Red Cross House, Blossomfield Road, Solihull. Tudor Grange School Clinic. | Wednesday, p.m. Thursday, p.m. (1st alt. months) and 3rd. Thursday, p.m. (1st alt. months) | Mr. J. LEATHER. Mr. C. P. COTTERILL Mr. C. P. COTTERILL | R.H.B. Miss B. A. BAILEY. |
| 6 CENTRAL. | Warwick Hospital. | Friday, p.m. (2nd and 4th in month). | Mr. E. J. GALLAGHER. | Mrs. E. G. MASON. Miss B. A. BAILEY. |
| 7 SOUTHERN. | The Hospital, Stratford-upon- Avon. | Friday, a.m. (2nd and 4th in month). | Mr. F. G. ALLAN. | Sisters from Coleshill Orthopaedic Hospital. |
| BIRMINGHAM. | Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, 80, Broad Street, Birmingham. | Daily. | Various. | R.H.B. |
| COVENTRY. | 55, Holyhead Road, Coventry. | Monday, p.m. Thursday, p.m. | Mr. A. J. WATSON. Mr. J. H. PENROSE. Mr. LAWRIE. | R.H.B. |
| REDDITCH. | Smallwood Hospital, Redditch. | Monday, p.m. (2nd in month). | Mr. W. H. SCRASE. | R.H.B. |

All surgeons are employed by the Regional Hospital Board.

ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICE.

AFTER CARE CLINICS.

| <i>Area.</i> | <i>Clinic.</i> | <i>When held.</i> | <i>Physiotherapists.</i> |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| 1 | 49, Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield. | Tuesday p.m. Thursday p.m. | Mrs. C. M. WILLIAMS. |
| 2 | Atherstone Health Clinic. Riversley Park Clinic, Nuneaton. | Tuesday p.m. Monday a.m. Friday a.m. | Sisters from Coleshill Orthopaedic Hos- pital. ditto. |
| 5 | Red Cross House, Blossomfield Road, Solihull. | Thursday a.m. | Miss B. A. BAILEY. |
| 6 | Kenilworth Health Clinic. 4, Holly Walk, Leamington Spa. Southam Child Welfare Clinic. Warwick Hospital. | Monday p.m. Tuesday a.m. Monday a.m. Friday a.m. | Mrs. E. G. MASON. Mrs. E. G. MASON. Mrs. E. G. MASON. Mrs. E. G. MASON. |
| 7 | Stratford Health Clinic. | Thursday a.m. | Sisters from Coles- hill Orthopaedic Hospital. |

**SPEECH THERAPY.
CLINICS.**

| <i>Area.</i> | <i>Clinic.</i> | <i>Address.</i> | <i>When held.</i> |
|---------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Sutton Coldfield | Sutton Coldfield | Boldmere Health Clinic, 49, Holland Street Walmley—Branch Library | Tuesday 9-30 a.m.—12 noon. Wednesday 9-30 a.m.—12 noon. 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m. Wednesday 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m. (alt. wks.) |
| 2. North Eastern | Atherstone Bedworth Nuneaton Exhall | Health Clinic Health Clinic Riversley Park Exhall Grange Special School | Monday 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m. Monday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m.—12 noon. 1-40 p.m.—4-40 p.m. Tuesday 9-45 a.m.—12-45 p.m. 1-45 p.m.—4-45 p.m. Friday 1-45 p.m.—4-45 p.m. |
| 3. Eastern | Rugby Rugby | F.A.P., Temple Street Tyntesfield Special School | Thursday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. 1-45 p.m.—4-45 p.m. Friday 9-30 a.m.—12 noon. Monday 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m. |
| 4. North Western | Coleshill Wilnecote | Health Clinic Various Schools | Monday 8-45 a.m.—12 noon. 1-0 p.m.—4 p.m. Monday, 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. Tuesday 1-15 p.m.—4-15 p.m. |
| 5. Solihull | Olton Shirley Solihull Packwood Tudor Grange | Chapel Fields Infant School Health Clinic Halifax Road Health Clinic Drury Lane Special E.S.N. School Tudor Grange Special School | Thursday 9-0 a.m.—12 noon. Thursday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. Friday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. 1-45 p.m.—5-15 p.m. Wednesday 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m. (alt. wks.) Tuesday 9-30 a.m.—12 noon. 1-30 p.m.—4-0 p.m. Wednesday 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m. (alt. wks.) Thursday 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m. |
| 6. Central | Leamington Kenilworth Warwick | 4, Holly Walk, Leamington Spa Health Clinic F.A.P., Lakin Road Warwick Westgate School | Monday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m. Wednesday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. Wednesday 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m. (alt. wks.) Tuesday, 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m. Thursday 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m. (alt. wks.) |
| 7. Southern | Stratford-on-Avon Studley Henley-in-Arden | Health Clinic County Infants' School River House Special School | Thursday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. Friday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m. Thursday 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m. (alt. wks.) Thursday 2 p.m.—5 p.m. |

TABLE 8. NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SPEECH THERAPY CLINICS.

| | AREAS | | | | | | | <i>Special Schools.</i> | 1956 <i>Totals.</i> | 1955 <i>Totals.</i> |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | <i>Sutton Coldfld.</i> | <i>North- Eastern</i> | <i>Eastern</i> | <i>North- Western</i> | <i>Solihull</i> | <i>Central</i> | <i>South- ern</i> | | | |
| No. of sessions ... | 121 | 152 | 71 | 100 | 137 | 239 | 95 | 251 | 1,166 | 1,203 |
| Number of children attending at 1st January, 1956 ... | 22 | 28 | 19 | 27 | 31 | 58 | 34 | 38 | 257 | 301 |
| Number of first atten- dances in 1956 ... | 31 | 43 | 29 | 60 | 39 | 78 | 24 | 27 | 331 | 275 |
| Number of children recalled during 1956 after having been stood down in a previous year ... | 12 | 39 | 26 | 13 | 23 | 31 | 31 | 3 | 178 | 107 |
| Total number of children treated during 1956 ... | 65 | 110 | 74 | 100 | 93 | 167 | 89 | 68 | 766 | 683 |
| Total attendances ... | 876 | 937 | 543 | 979 | 1,091 | 1,185 | 740 | 1,417 | 7,768 | 7,812 |
| Number discharged in 1956 :— | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Treatment com- pleted ... | 13 | 29 | 10 | 33 | 24 | 44 | 28 | — | 181 | 115 |
| (b) Ceased attending | 2 | 18 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 67 | 59 |
| Number placed under review ... | 21 | 31 | 30 | 8 | 34 | 46 | 22 | 10 | 202 | 225 |

TABLE 9.

CHILD GUIDANCE.

Number of New Cases referred to Clinics.

| Reason for Referral. | 1956 | | | Total 1955. |
|--|--------|----------|--------|----------------|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | |
| Nervous disorders ... | 37 | 22 | 59 | 45 |
| Habit disorders and physical symptoms ... | 30 | 13 | 43 | 57 |
| Behaviour disorders ... | 50 | 19 | 69 | 70 |
| Education difficulties ... | 17 | 4 | 21 | 33 |
| Unclassified ... | 4 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| TOTAL ... | 138 | 61 | 199 | 209 |

Nervous Disorders.

Fears and anxiety
Solitary
Excitability
Obsessional
Depression
Physical and social misfit

Habit disorders and physical symptoms.

Sleeplessness, nightmares, etc.
Excretory disorders
Speech defects
Nervous pains, defective vision, asthma, etc.
Movement, tic, thumb sucking
Hysteria

Behaviour Disorders.

Unmanageable
Stealing, housebreaking
Tempers, screaming
Aggressive, destructive, etc.
Sex difficulty
Breach of Recognisance
Jealousy
Irritable, stubborn
Assault
Attention getting

Educational and Vocational Difficulties.

Backwardness
Reading difficulty
Refusal to go to school
Lack of concentration

The cases shown in the Table were distributed among the clinics as follows :
Nuneaton, Riversley Park, 47 ; Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, 6 ; Warneford Hospital,
Leamington Spa, 35 ; Drury Lane, Solihull, 42 ; Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, 40 ; Holland
Street, Sutton Coldfield, 22 ; Other, 7.

TABLE 10.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE.

STAFF AND CLINICS.

At 1st March, 1957 (excluding Principal School Dental Officer).

| | Clinics. | | Dental Officers. | | Available sessions per week. |
|----------------------|----------|---------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| | Fixed. | Mobile. | Whole- time. | Part- time. | |
| Sutton Coldfield ... | 2 | — | 1 | 2 | 19 |
| North-Eastern ... | 5 | — | 1 | — | 11 |
| Eastern ... | 2* | 1 | 1 | 4 | 26 |
| North-Western ... | — | 1 | 1 | — | 11 |
| Solihull ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 26 |
| Central ... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 37 |
| Southern ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| TOTAL ... | 14 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 143 |

* In same building.

TABLE 11. SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE.

| Area. | TOTAL SESSIONS. | | ROUTINE CASES. | | | | Emer- gency cases for which treatment was completed. | Total attend- ances made for treatment. |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | Inspec- tion. | Treat- ment. | Inspec- ted. | Found to require treat- ment. | Referred for treatment. | Cases for which treatment completed. | | |
| Sutton Coldfield | 23 | 738 | 1,974 | 1,251 | 1,125 | 477 | 1,205 | 3,820 |
| North Eastern ... | 10 | 591 | 1,229 | 1,122 | 1,105 | 326 | 804 | 3,419 |
| Eastern | 7 | 949 | 527 | 348 | 338 | 426 | 1,001 | 5,079 |
| North Western | 33 | 372 | 1,309 | 1,045 | 837 | 768 | 24 | 1,835 |
| Solihull ... | 11 | 927 | 1,294 | 1,077 | 1,011 | 448 | 636 | 5,200 |
| Central | 47 | 834 | 3,240 | 2,757 | 2,297 | 1,055 | 903 | 4,919 |
| Southern ... | 56 | 518 | 3,442 | 2,781 | 2,480 | 1,179 | 126 | 2,981 |
| COUNTY TOTAL 1956 | 187 | 4,929 | 13,015 | 10,381 | 9,193 | 4,679 | 4,699 | 27,253 |
| COUNTY TOTAL, 1955 | 196 | 4,490 | 13,840 | 10,342 | 8,822 | 5,444 | 4,021 | 25,786 |

TABLE 12. DENTAL TREATMENT GIVEN.

| Type. | Routine cases. | | Emergency cases. | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--|------------------|--|
| | Number. | No. per 100 cases for which treat- ment was completed. | Number. | No. per 100 cases for which treat- ment was completed. |
| Permanent teeth. | | | | |
| Extractions | 1,492 | 32 | 2,495 | 53 |
| Fillings | 7,079 | 151 | 5,587 | 119 |
| Other operations | 1,960 | 42 | 3,873 | 82 |
| Total | 10,531 | 225 | 11,955 | 254 |
| Temporary Teeth. | | | | |
| Extractions | 5,043 | 108 | 5,624 | 120 |
| Fillings | 1,051 | 22 | 1,781 | 38 |
| Other operations | 3,379 | 72 | 1,991 | 42 |
| Total | 9,473 | 202 | 9,396 | 200 |
| Appliances. | | | | |
| Dentures | 28 | 0.6 | 70 | 1 |
| Orthodontics | 188 | 4.0 | — | — |
| General Anaesthetics | 1,095 | 23. | 2,525 | 54 |

TABLE 13. **NEW NOTIFICATIONS OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS**
IN CHILDREN AGED 5—14.
By Sex and Stage of Disease.

| | <i>Number of new notifications, 1956.</i> | | | <i>Stage of Disease.</i> | | | | <i>No. of new notifications in 1955.</i> |
|------------------|---|--------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| | M. | F. | <i>Total.</i> | <i>Early.</i> | <i>Inter-mediate.</i> | <i>Late.</i> | <i>Un-known.</i> | |
| Sutton Coldfield | 2 | 2 (1) | 4 (1) | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| North Eastern | 9 | 9 | 18 | 13 | 1 | — | 4 | 9 |
| Eastern ... | 4 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 | — | — | 13 |
| North Western | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 3 |
| Solihull ... | 1 (1) | 1 | 2 (1) | 2 | — | — | 1 | 2 |
| Central ... | 4 | 8 | 12 | 11 | 1 | — | — | 9 |
| Southern ... | 1 | — (2) | 1 (2) | 3 | — | — | — | 1 |
| Total ... | 21 (1) | 23 (3) | 44 (4) | 36 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 40 |

() Transfers into County

TABLE 14. **NEW NOTIFICATIONS OF NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS**
IN CHILDREN AGED 5—14.

| | | | | <i>Number of new notifications, 1956.</i> | | | <i>Number of new notifications, 1955.</i> |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|-------|---------------|---|
| | | | | M. | F. | <i>Total.</i> | |
| Sutton Coldfield | ... | ... | ... | — | — (1) | — (1) | — |
| North Eastern... | ... | ... | ... | 2 (1) | 1 | 3 (1) | 3 |
| Eastern | ... | ... | ... | — | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| North Western | ... | ... | ... | — | — | — | — |
| Solihull | ... | ... | ... | — | — | — | 1 |
| Central ... | ... | ... | ... | — | — (1) | — (1) | 6 |
| Southern | ... | ... | ... | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | 2 (1) | 3 (2) | 5 (3) | 11 |

TABLE 15.

HANDICAPPED PUPILS, 1956.

| | Year of Ascertainment. | | Total. | DISPOSAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----|--|----|---|---------------|---|-------|---------------|----|---------------------|---------------|-----|--------|--------|----|
| | | | | RECOMMENDED SPECIAL SCHOOL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | IN SPECIAL SCHOOL, 31/12/56. | | | | Parents refuse Consent. | | On waiting list for particular school. | | Under Investigation or on general waiting list. | | Recommend- ed special class in ordinary school. | | Home Tuition. | | UNDER REVIEW. | | | | | |
| | Warwick- shire. | | | Non-War- wickshire. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total. | |
| | M | F | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M |
| A. Blind ... | 6 | 5 | 1 | — | 6 | 5 | 11 | — | — | — | 1(a1) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| B. Partially Sighted ... | 23 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 28 | — | — | 4 { (a1) (c1) | 1 | 2(a1) | — | — | 3(b1) | 1(b1) | 6 | 2 | — | — |
| C. Deaf ... | 24 | 22 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 20 | 45 | — | — | — | — | 3(a3) | 2(a1) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| D. Partially Deaf ... | 23 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 5 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 1(a1) | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 3 | 6 | — | — |
| E. Educationally Sub- Normal ... | 331 | 215 | 97 | 55 | 54 | 10 | 370 | 13 | 6 | 70 | 27 | 37 | 20 | 50 | 7 | 9 | 23 | 28 | 2(a1) | 6 |
| F. Epileptic ... | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | — |
| G. Maladjusted ... | 47 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 5(c3) | — | 6(c1) | 2 | — | 2(b2) | 1(c1) | 13 | 8 | — | — |
| H. Physically Handicapped | 104 | 85 | 17 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 60 | — | — | 1(c1) | 4 { (a2) (c2) | 6(c1) | 1 | — | 11 { (a1) (b4) (c2) | 5 { (b2) (c1) | 60 | 61(a1) | 4(a2) | 6 |
| J. Delicate ... | 42 | 21 | 12 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 12 | — | 1 | 3 | — | 3 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 38 | 19 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTALS ... | 611 | 393 | 153 | 82 | 136 | 64 | 590 | 15 | 8 | 86 | 33 | 59 | 26 | 50 | 25 | 19 | 149 | 127 | 8 | 14 |

a—() No. of children too young for Special Schools.
b—() No. of children having multiple handicaps.
c—() No. of children admitted later.

TABLE 16.

NUMBER OF HANDICAPPED PUPILS IN EACH AREA

at 31st December, 1956.

| Area. | Sutton Coldfield. | | North Eastern. | | Eastern. | | North Western. | | Solihull. | | Central. | | Southern. | | All Areas. 1956 | All Areas. 1955 | All Areas. 1954 |
|--|-------------------|--------|----------------|-------|----------|--------|----------------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 1956 | Total | 1956 | Total | 1956 | Total | 1956 | Total | 1956 | Total | 1956 | Total | 1956 | Total | 1956 | Total | Total |
| Number of school children (excluding nursery school children.) | 7,410 | 20,377 | 10,516 | 8,301 | 10,747 | 13,739 | 8,026 | 75,709 | 72,089 | | | | | | | | |
| CATEGORY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blind ... | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 12 | 15 | 18 |
| Partially Sighted ... | — | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 1 | 4 | — | 5 | — | 7 | — | 7 | 47 | 41 | 38 |
| Deaf ... | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | — | 3 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 4 | — | 5 | 51 | 50 | 54 |
| Partially Deaf ... | — | 2 | — | 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 1 | — | 5 | 37 | 40 | 39 |
| Educationally Sub-normal ... | 1 | 18 | 13 | 80 | 87 | 255 | 16 | 95 | 5 | 28 | 25 | 159 | 12 | 152 | 698 | 693 | 655 |
| Epileptic ... | — | 2 | 2 | — | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 | — | 6 | — | 3 | — | 4 | 22 | 24 | 18 |
| Maladjusted ... | 2 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 14 | 73 | 75 | 72 |
| Physically Handicapped | — | 8 | 4 | 8 | 20 | 63 | 3 | 26 | 3 | 35 | 9 | 55 | 3 | 30 | 219 | 231 | 215 |
| Delicate ... | 2 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 1 | 11 | — | 2 | 3 | 14 | — | 17 | 80 | 80 | 84 |
| TOTAL ... | 6 | 64 | 24 | 106 | 151 | 392 | 25 | 157 | 16 | 109 | 42 | 275 | 16 | 235 | 1239 | 1249 | 1193 |
| Ineducable—Referred to Mental Health Officer (57 (3) only) ... | 1 | 18 | 3 | 9 | 35 | 69 | 2 | 34 | 3 | 27 | 8 | 62 | 4 | 30 | 283 | 307 | 303 |

TABLE 17.

WARWICKSHIRE SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

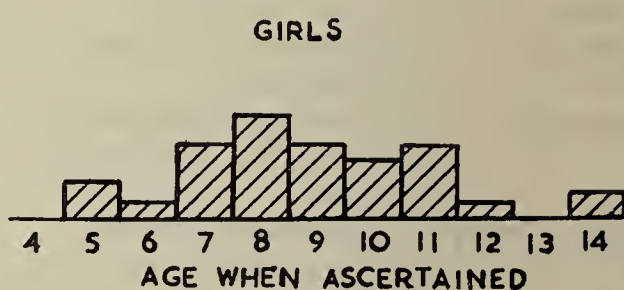
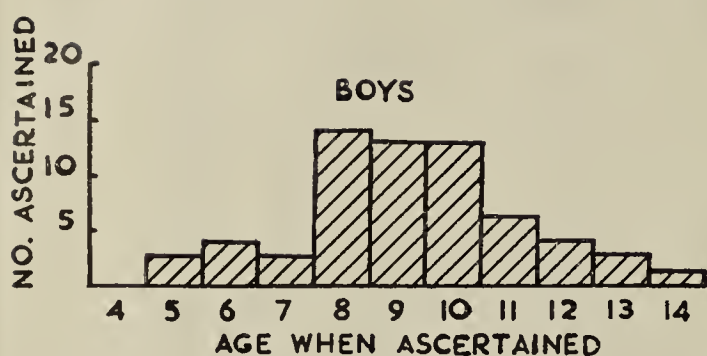
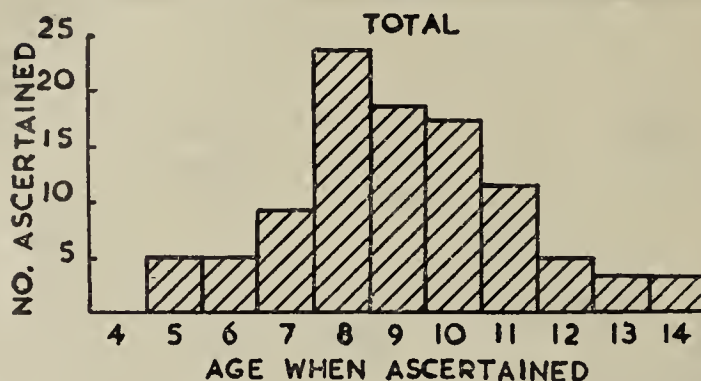
| School. | Type. | Residential Accommodation. | Age Range. | On roll Christmas Term, 1956. | | |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Warwickshire children. | | Children from other Authorities. |
| | | | | Day | Res. | Res. |
| Tudor Grange | Physically handicapped Mixed | 40 | 5—11 | 8 | 16 | 21 |
| Exhall Grange | (a) Physically Handicapped Mixed ... | 300 | (a) Seniors | — | 19 | 40 |
| | (b) Partially Sighted Mixed | | (b) All ages | — | 19 | 223 |
| River House | Maladjusted Boys ... | 45 | 8—16 | — | 23 | 22 |
| Nuneaton, Red Deep | Educationally Subnormal Mixed Day ... | — | 8—16 | 149 | — | — |
| Packwood | Educationally Subnormal Boys | 60 | 10—16 | — | 55 | 5 |
| Tyntesfield | Educationally Subnormal Girls Res. and Day | 40 | 9—16 | 19 | 34 | 3 |
| Warwick Priory | Educationally Subnormal Mixed Day ... | — | 9—16 | 62 | — | — |
| | TOTAL | 485 | — | 238 | 166 | 314 |

TABLE 18. ANALYSIS OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN RESIDENT IN TUDOR GRANGE AND EXHALL GRANGE SPECIAL SCHOOLS (These figures include Children from other Authorities). Christmas Term 1956. (1955 figures in brackets).

| | Tudor Grange. | | | Exhall Grange. | | |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|
| | M | F | Total. | M | F | Total. |
| Bronchiectatic conditions and asthma | — (2) | — (—) | — (2) | 1 (1) | — (—) | 1 (1) |
| Heart conditions | 4 (4) | — (—) | 4 (4) | — (2) | 1 (1) | 1 (3) |
| Post Poliomyelitis | 4 (6) | 3 (3) | 7 (9) | 6 (6) | 4 (2) | 10 (8) |
| Spastic and similar conditions ... | 22 (16) | 2 (5) | 24 (21) | 19 (20) | 10 (12) | 29 (32) |
| Tuberculous joints and bone infections | 3 (2) | 2 (4) | 5 (6) | 6 (5) | 2 (2) | 8 (7) |
| Other conditions | 2 (4) | 3 (3) | 5 (7) | 5 (6) | 3 (3) | 8 (9) |
| TOTALS ... | 35 (34) | 10 (15) | 45 (49) | 37 (40) | 20 (20) | 57 (60) |

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONALLY SUB NORMAL CHILDREN ASCERTAINED IN 1955 AND 1956

1955



1956

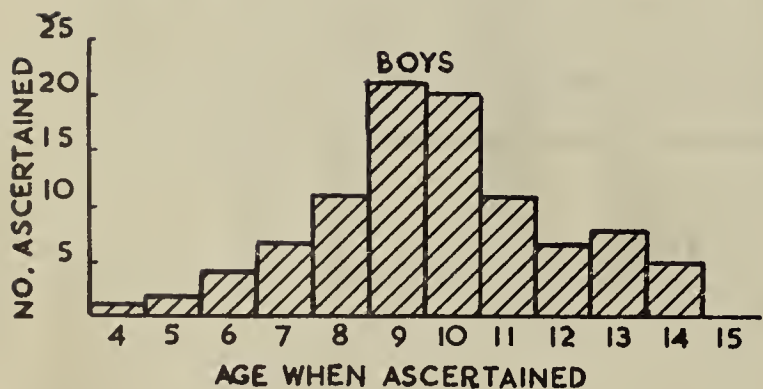
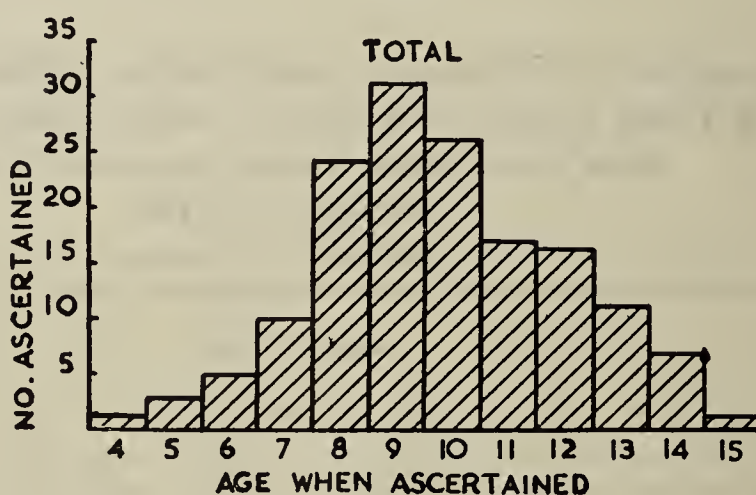


TABLE 19.

LOUSE INFESTATION.

BOYS.

| Area. | Average % of boys infested at an examination 1956. (1955 figures in brackets). | | | | Total. |
|--|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 0% | Over 0% to 2% | Over 2% to 5% | Over 5% | |
| | No. of schools. | No. of schools. | No. of schools. | No. of schools. | No. of schools. |
| SUTTON COLDFIELD | 11 (14) | 6 (3) | — (—) | — (—) | 17 (17) |
| NORTH EASTERN | 23 (19) | 38 (37) | 5 (15) | 2 (1) | 68 (72) |
| EASTERN | 40 (40) | 10 (6) | — (3) | — (—) | 50 (49) |
| NORTH WESTERN | 32 (34) | 13 (7) | — (3) | 1 (—) | 46 (44) |
| SOLIHULL | 28 (25) | 5 (6) | — (—) | — (1) | 33 (32) |
| CENTRAL | 58 (57) | 21 (15) | 2 (4) | — (—) | 81 (76) |
| SOUTHERN | 47 (50) | 12 (14) | 1 (2) | 1 (1) | 61 (67) |
| TOTAL ... | 239 (239) | 105 (88) | 8 (27) | 4 (3) | 356 (357) |
| Average number of boys on school roll : | | | | | |
| Under 50 | 119 (127) | 15 (11) | 3 (16) | 3 (3) | 140 (157) |
| 50 to 100 | 45 (53) | 26 (29) | 3 (8) | 1 (—) | 75 (90) |
| Over 100 | 75 (59) | 64 (48) | 2 (3) | — (—) | 141 (110) |

TABLE 20.

LOUSE INFESTATION.

GIRLS.

| Area. | Average % of girls infested at an examination 1956. (1955 figures in brackets). | | | | Total. |
|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 0% | Over 0% to 2% | Over 2% to 5% | Over 5% | |
| | No. of schools. | No. of schools. | No. of schools. | No. of schools. | No. of schools. |
| SUTTON COLDFIELD | 8 (7) | 9 (8) | — (1) | — (—) | 17 (16) |
| NORTH EASTERN | 9 (10) | 29 (12) | 25 (29) | 5 (21) | 68 (72) |
| EASTERN | 25 (21) | 22 (19) | 2 (7) | — (1) | 49 (48) |
| NORTH WESTERN | 24 (21) | 17 (13) | 6 (9) | — (2) | 47 (45) |
| SOLIHULL | 19 (18) | 14 (11) | 1 (2) | — (1) | 34 (32) |
| CENTRAL | 45 (38) | 29 (18) | 6 (12) | 2 (8) | 82 (76) |
| SOUTHERN | 38 (40) | 15 (15) | 7 (9) | 1 (3) | 61 (67) |
| TOTAL ... | 168 (155) | 135 (96) | 47 (69) | 8 (36) | 358 (356) |
| Average number of girls on school roll : | | | | | |
| Under 50 | 106 (107) | 18 (14) | 12 (20) | 6 (16) | 142 (157) |
| 50 to 100 | 32 (28) | 32 (29) | 16 (24) | 1 (9) | 81 (90) |
| Over 100 | 30 (20) | 85 (53) | 19 (25) | 1 (11) | 135 (109) |

TABLE 21. NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES AT MINOR AILMENTS CLINICS.

| Area. | Clinic. | When held. | Sessions. | Attendances. | | |
|-------|---|---|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | First. | Subse- quent. | Total. |
| 2 | Health Clinic, Atherstone ... | Wednesday, a.m. ... | 51 | 216 | 283 | 499 |
| | Health Clinic, Bedworth ... | Monday, a.m. } ... | 97 | 260 | 189 | 449 |
| | | Thursday, a.m. } | | | | |
| | Riversley Park Clinic, Nuneaton | Mondays to Fridays, a.m. ... | 245 | 1,324 | 2,305 | 3,629 |
| | Health Clinic, Stockingford ... | Mondays to Fridays, a.m. ... | 226 | 1,373 | 1,473 | 2,846 |
| | Nurses House, Polesworth ... | Thursday, a.m. (alt. wks.) ... | 27 | 32 | 144 | 176 |
| | Newlands School, Keresley ... | Friday, a.m. (alt. wks.) ... | 18 | 62 | 15 | 77 |
| | Nurses House, Hartshill ... | Monday to Friday, a.m. ... | 10 | 108 | 194 | 302 |
| | Nicholas Chamberlaine School, Bedworth ... | Thursday, a.m. ... | 34 | 78 | 106 | 184 |
| | | Total ... | 708 | 3,453 | 4,709 | 8,162 |
| 3 | First Aid Post, Rugby ... | Monday, a.m. ... | 78 | 115 | 923 | 1,038 |
| 4 | Miners Welfare Hall, Arley ... | Monday, a.m. (monthly) ... | 13 | 19 | 28 | 47 |
| | Area Health Office, Coleshill... | Monday, a.m. (2nd in month) | 12 | 68 | 16 | 84 |
| | Parish Hall, Wilnecote ... | Thursday, a.m. ... | 35 | 99 | 187 | 286 |
| | | Total ... | 60 | 186 | 231 | 417 |
| 5 | Halifax Road Clinic, Shirley ... | Wednesday, a.m. (3rd in month) ... | 12 | 53 | 28 | 81 |
| | Drury Lane Clinic, Solihull ... | Saturday, a.m. (1st and 3rd in month) ... | 24 | 31 | — | 31 |
| | | Total ... | 36 | 84 | 28 | 112 |
| 6 | Health Clinic, Kenilworth ... | Tuesday, a.m. ... | 9 | 2 | — | 2 |
| | 4, Holly Walk, Leamington Spa | Daily, a.m. ... | 306 | 189 | 466 | 655 |
| | Child Welfare Centre, Southam | Tuesday, a.m. (1st in month) (discontinued Dec., 1956) | 10 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| | | Total ... | 325 | 196 | 467 | 663 |
| 7 | Health Clinic, Stratford-on- Avon ... | Monday, a.m. ... | 48 | 40 | 23 | 63 |
| | Studley (Mobile Clinic) ... | Thursday, a.m. (1st in month) | 10 | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| | | Total ... | 58 | 46 | 27 | 73 |
| | | GRAND TOTALS ... | 1,265 | 4,080 | 6,385 | 10,465 |
| | | GRAND TOTALS FOR 1955 ... | 1,571 | 4,167 | 6,422 | 10,589 |

TABLE 22. MINOR AILMENTS CLINICS.

| <i>Type of Defect.</i> | <i>First Attendances.</i> | <i>Subsequent Attendances.</i> | <i>Total 1956.</i> | <i>Total 1955</i> |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Skin. | | | | |
| Ringworm—Scalp | 3 | — | 3 | 2 |
| Body | 1 | — | 1 | 22 |
| Scabies | 13 | 39 | 52 | 2 |
| Impetigo | 87 | 208 | 295 | 302 |
| Other Skin Diseases | 1,154 | 3,236 | 4,390 | 4,349 |
| Total | 1,258 | 3,483 | 4,741 | 4,677 |
| Eye. | | | | |
| Blepharitis | 10 | 32 | 42 | 61 |
| Conjunctivitis | 91 | 110 | 201 | 197 |
| Other Minor Eye Conditions ... | 339 | 186 | 525 | 474 |
| Total | 440 | 328 | 768 | 732 |
| Ear. | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Minor Ear Conditions | 101 | 181 | 282 | 340 |
| Nose and Throat. | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Minor Nose and Throat Conditions | 214 | 118 | 332 | 396 |
| Other Minor Ailments | 2,067 | 2,275 | 4,342 | 4,444 |
| TOTAL | 4,080 | 6,385 | 10,465 | 10,589 |

TABLE 23. SCABIES—NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES AT TREATMENT CENTRES.

The demand for treatment is now small and these centres are only open on request.

| TREATMENT CENTRE. | FIRST ATTENDANCE. | | | <i>Subse- quent Attend- ances.</i> | <i>Total Treat- ments.</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | <i>Adults.</i> | <i>School Children.</i> | <i>Pre-school children.</i> | | |
| BEDWORTH | 15 | 8 | 10 | 28 | 42 |
| LEAMINGTON SPA | 6 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 23 |
| TOTALS | 21 | 14 | 12 | 37 | 65 |
| Totals for 1955 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Totals for 1954 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 19 |

TABLE 24. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1933.
NO. OF CHILDREN EXAMINED UNDER EMPLOYMENT OF
CHILDREN BYELAWS.

| <i>Area.</i> | <i>Number of Children examined.</i> | <i>Number granted certificates.</i> | <i>Number refused certificates.</i> |
|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Sutton Coldfield ... | 135 | 134 | 1 |
| North Eastern | 251 | 251 | — |
| Eastern | 105 | 105 | — |
| North Western | 75 | 75 | — |
| Solihull | 11 | 11 | — |
| Central | 271 | 271 | — |
| Southern | 117 | 117 | — |
| Total 1956 ... | 965 | 964 | 1 |
| Total 1955 ... | 1,110 | 1,107 | 3 |
| Total 1954 ... | 1,121 | 1,112 | 9 |
| Total 1953 ... | 1,022 | 1,015 | 7 |
| Total 1952 ... | 940 | 935 | 5 |

SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE.

Information provided by the Education Department.

The average number of meals provided daily in the schools in 1956 was 35,852. Comparison with previous years is given below :—

| <i>Year.</i> | <i>Average no. of meals pro- vided daily in schools.</i> |
|--------------|--|
| 1944 | 8,366 |
| 1945 | 15,680 |
| 1946 | 19,309 |
| 1947 | 22,943 |
| 1948 | 24,420 |
| 1949 | 25,235 |
| 1950 | 24,691 |
| 1951 | 26,832 |
| 1952 | 29,386 |
| 1953 | 28,138 |
| 1954 | 30,543 |
| 1955 | 34,347 |
| 1956 | 35,852 |

The figure for 1956 represents approximately 46% of the children in attendance.
 An average daily number of 62,462 children received milk in schools ; this represents 80% of the children in attendance.

